



REFORMATION  
Sunday



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Reformation Sunday | All Saints' Sunday

October 29, 2023

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Winchester Bells*

Prelude in F Major

(Tammy Waldrop)

**Call to Worship**

*Geri Willis*

Leader: Come, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Be here with us today.

**People: Fill us with Your strength and courage to be Your voice in the world.**

Leader: Renew our faith and restore to us confidence and faith.

**People: Now we worship the living God and remember those who have gone before us and served the Church faithfully and fully.**

**All: Together we praise You, O Lord, and recommit ourselves to be Your ministers in the world. Amen.**

† **Hymn of Praise**

#275

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.

Doth ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He.  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same;  
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever!

† **Call of Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

**Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed Your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear Your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Re-form us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of Your whole creation. In the name of the One who can make us new, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#441 (vs. 2)

Hear the Good News of Salvation

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.

I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!

Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

**Children's Message**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

I Know My Faith Is Founded

(arr. Mark Schweizer)

I know my faith is founded in Jesus Christ, my God and Lord; And thus my faith confessing unmoved I stand in His sure word. Our reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound Who trusts in human wisdom relies on shifting ground. God's word is all sufficient, it makes divinely sure, and trusting in its wisdom, my faith shall rest secure.

Increase my faith, dear Savior, for Satan seeks by night and day to rob me of this treasure and take my hope and bliss away. But, Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed; And led by Your good spirit, I shall be unafraid. Abide with me, O Savior, a firmer faith bestow; Then I

shall bid defiance to every evil foe. In faith, Lord, let me serve You; though persecution, grief and pain should seek to overwhelm me, let me a steadfast trust retain; And then at my departure Lord, take me home to You, And let me there inherit that all You said holds true. In life and death, Lord, keep me until Your heaven I gain, where I by Your great mercy the end of faith attain.

## **Naming and Remembering the Saints**

(November 1, 2022 – October 29, 2023)

### **Members of First Presbyterian Church**

***Rosemary Stinson*** – November 16, 2022

***Judy Fannin*** – December 21, 2022

***Roger Brown*** – July 6, 2023

### **Friends and Family**

***Peggy Rucker*** – November 28, 2022

(Rev. James Rucker's wife)

***Alice Margaret Schink Rossell*** – February 14, 2023

(Jane Justice's mother)

***James Shoppe*** – May, 20, 2023

Kelly & Mark Hanni's friend)

***Phillip Whitman*** – May 21, 2023

(Mike Whitman's brother)

***Patrick Seeley*** – June 2023

(Nancy Payne's great nephew)

***Timothy Barney*** – June 21, 2023

(Lois Jackson's brother)

***Anders Paul Pedersen*** – June 24, 2023

(Kris Adkins' brother)

***Vicki Young*** – August 18, 2023

(Kelly & Mark Hanni's friend)

***Julia Somerville Gray Hammett*** – August 29, 2023

(Bettie George Frye's Aunt)

***Pat Caniff, Geneva Dyer, Bob Gainer***

***Tom Reed, Mel Smith, Cecel Thornsburry***

(Jim & Ann Wiseman's friends)

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Saints**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **The Epistle Lesson**

Colossians 1:3 – 14 (NRSV)

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from His glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 46**

#329

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,  
and therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;  
Though hills amid the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,  
yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice.  
But nations fear and kingdoms shake before God's thundering voice.

Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand,  
secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

John 17:6 – 21 (NRSV)

<sup>6</sup> “I have made Your name known to those whom You gave Me from the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything You have given Me is from You, <sup>8</sup> for the words that You gave to Me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from You, and they have believed that You sent Me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom You gave Me, because they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them in Your name that You have given Me, so that they may be one, as We are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in Your name that You have given Me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to You, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have My joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking You to take them out of the world, but I ask You to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. <sup>20</sup> “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in Me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***Becoming Re-formed***

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response** (tune: Festal Song)

#434

Restore in Us, O God

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of Your love;  
renew Your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of Your power;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of Your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of Your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends, may see You face to face.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer**

**Offering Acknowledgement**

*Special Offering—Pastor's Discretionary Fund*

† **Doxology**

#394 (4)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

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I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; and in that Light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

**Postlude**

*Max Jackson*

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

(Diderik Buxtehude)

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

### **SERVING TODAY**

Head Ushers: *Charlie & Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Geri Willis*

### **LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 70

General Offering: \$13,110.00

CAReS: \$52.00

Organ Repair: \$50.00

Online Giving: \$425.00

**Total Offering: \$13,637.00**

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### **IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

#### **Sunday, October 29**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

#### **Wednesday, November 1**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Sanctuary Open for Prayer, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.



## Collecting Donations for Thanksgiving Baskets

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets, **October 22—November 12**. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We had an overflowing of items last year. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. You may drop off your donations here at FPC during office hours, Monday – Thursday or Sundays. Thank you for your giving spirit!

### Items needed:

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Gravy	Stuffing
Biscuit or Roll Mix	Cranberry Sauce	Canned Green Beans
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Crispy Onion Straws	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Brown Sugar	Marshmallows	Pecans
Canned Corn	Pumpkin Pie Filling	Canned Milk
Coffee and Tea	Hot Cocoa Mix	Clothes Baskets

## FPC Advent Devotional Booklet



Would you help us in creating our own Advent Devotional booklet for this year? Our theme is “The Best News Ever!” Your devotional should include a scripture, brief devotional about a special remembrance of a Christmas past, and a

closing prayer. **We have extended the deadline by one more week.** A big thank you to all who have submitted a devotion!

## Stewardship Campaign for 2024

We are excited to announce that our Stewardship Emphasis for 2024 is **November 5–19**. Our theme for this year is ***God Loves A Cheerful Giver***. Please be in prayer for your response. You will receive a letter/commitment card in the mail by **November 1**. May each of us give cheerfully this coming year and watch how God blesses us all!



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
cordially invites you to our

# Crafternoon Party

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5**  
**12:15—2:30 p.m.**

We will have craft demonstrations and stations to make & take:

- Tiered trays and more (*Barb Payne*)
- Handmade cards (*Jane Justice*)
- Stamping designs (*Pam Potter*)
- Holiday bows (*Kay Ferguson*)
- Baking cookies (*Cathy Wilson*)

Lunch: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Cookies and Drinks  
Childcare provided

**Please RSVP by Thursday, November 2**

Bettie George Frye (606.831.8579) or Cathy Wilson (606.922.6425)

First Presbyterian Church Bethesda Community Hall  
1600 Winchester Avenue, Ashland



**Don't forget to fall back  
next Sunday, November 5.**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending October 26, 2023**

Michelle Brown (online request)  
Dr. Joe Bill Frazier (Kelly Hanni)  
Martha Gesling (Hospice, #104)  
Bonnie Pettijohn

### **Week ending October 19, 2023**

Raechel Chambers  
Rebecca Ferguson (John & Kay Ferguson's daughter)  
Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)  
Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)  
Judge Lew Nicholls (Charlie & Jan Holbrook's friend)  
Bob Poore (Kingsbrook, #225)  
Rev. Steve Smythers (Bill & Nanette)  
Jim Wiseman  
Israel/Middle East Conflict

### **Week ending October 12, 2023**

Kyle Call (Pastor Bill & Nanette)  
JP Pinson (Kelly Hanni)  
Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

*Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.*

**Ongoing:** Gretchen Dillon, Annie & Bob Miller, Derek Payne

**Morning Pointe:** Carolyn Graber

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

## STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*  
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*  
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*  
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*  
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

## SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*  
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*  
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

## MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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